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BUILDING PERMITS FOR AUGUST, 1932, WITH COMPARATIVE STATEMENTS FOR JULY, 1932,
AND AUGUST, 1931, AND CUMULATIVE FIGURES FOR FIRST EIGHT MONTHS, 1920-1932.

There was a seasonal decline in the value of the building permits issued during August, 1932, as compared with July, while in comparison with August of last year, there was also a considerable reduction; during the month under review, the 61 co-operating centres authorized building estimated to cost \$3,331,278, as compared with \$4,227,173 in July, 1932, and \$8,201,879 in August, 1931. There was, therefore, a decrease of 21.2 p.c. in the first comparison, and of 59.4 p.c. in the second. The aggregate value of the building authorized in the first eight months of this year, viz., \$30,137,519, was lower than in 1931 and other years of the record; in considering these data, however, it should be noted that there has also been a very significant decline in wholesale costs of building materials, the Bureau's index, based on the 1926 average as 100, having fallen from 156.3 in the first eight months of 1920, to 78.0 in the period, January-August, 1932, or by slightly over 50 p.c.

Some 50 cities furnished detailed statistics showing that they had issued about 300 permits for dwellings estimated to cost over \$900,000, and more than 2,000 permits for other buildings valued at approximately \$2,200,000. During July, authority was granted for the erection of some 450 dwellings and 1,800 other buildings, estimated at about \$1,000,000 and \$3,200,000, respectively.

British Columbia reported a gain of \$420,090, or 138.0 p.c., as compared with July, 1932. Of the reductions elsewhere indicated, that of \$975,131, or 46.0 p.c., in Quebec was greatest.

British Columbia also reported a slightly higher aggregate of building permits issued than in August of last year, there being an increase of \$13,762, or 1.9 p.c. Declines in this comparison were recorded in the remaining provinces, that of \$2,504,798, or 71.9 p.c., in Ontario being most pronounced.

Of the larger cities, Vancouver showed improvement as compared with both July, 1932, and August, 1931, while Montreal, Toronto and Winnipeg reported decreases in both comparisons. Of the other centres, Kingston, Peterborough, Walkerville, Woodstock, Lethbridge, Nanaimo and North Vancouver recorded gains in both comparisons.

CUMULATIVE RECORD FOR FIRST EIGHT MONTHS, 1920-32.

The following table gives the value of the building authorized by 61 cities during August and in the first eight months of each year since 1920, as well as index numbers for the latter, based upon the total for 1926 as 100. The average index numbers of wholesale prices of building materials in the first eight months of the years since 1920 are also given (average 1926-100).

Year	: Value of : permits : issued : in August	: Value of : permits : issued : in first : eight months	: Indexes of value : of permits issued, : first eight months : (1926 = 100)	: Average indexes of : wholesale prices of : building materials in : first eight months, : (1926 average = 100).
1932	\$ 3,331,278	\$30,137,519	27.6	78.0
1931	8,201,879	78,194,996	71.6	83.4
1930	14,029,564	115,268,330	105.5	93.4
1929	21,582,221	168,894,072	154.6	99.6
1928	17,448,542	145,247,485	133.0	97.5
1927	29,478,378	126,690,292	116.0	96.8
1926	11,672,599	109,211,942	100.0	101.7
1925	9,511,008	88,223,328	80.8	104.3
1924	9,406,733	81,762,083	74.9	109.1
1923	11,425,031	97,551,074	89.3	111.7
1922	18,158,932	105,181,416	96.3	108.4
1921	10,928,039	77,665,614	71.1	128.6
1920	10,805,846	86,303,601	79.0	156.3

The aggregate for the first eight months of this year was less than in earlier years of the record, but as already stated, the average index number of wholesale prices of building materials was also much lower than in any other year of this record.

Table 1 gives the value of building permits issued by 61 cities during July and August, 1932, and August, 1931. The 35 cities for which records are available since 1920 are marked this "x".

The following table shows the results of the survey of the value of the property of the United States in the year 1930. The table is divided into two parts, one for the year 1930 and one for the year 1931. The first part shows the results of the survey of the value of the property of the United States in the year 1930. The second part shows the results of the survey of the value of the property of the United States in the year 1931. The table is divided into two parts, one for the year 1930 and one for the year 1931. The first part shows the results of the survey of the value of the property of the United States in the year 1930. The second part shows the results of the survey of the value of the property of the United States in the year 1931.

Year	Value of Property	Value of Property	Value of Property
1930	1,000,000,000	1,000,000,000	1,000,000,000
1931	1,000,000,000	1,000,000,000	1,000,000,000

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Estimated Cost of Building Work as Indicated by Building Permits issued by 61 Cities.

Cities	August, 1932	July, 1932	August, 1931
	\$	\$	\$
P.E.I. - Charlottetown			
New Scotia	87,325	119,646	326,565
x Halifax	66,645	104,611	274,365
New Glasgow	380	1,160	350
x Sydney	300	13,875	51,150
New Brunswick	50,214	37,782	170,670
Fredericton	800	5,300	43,950
x Moncton	22,675	53,275	32,335
x Saint John	27,339	24,207	94,385
Quebec	1,145,111	2,120,252	2,500,138
x Montreal - x Maisonneuve	972,710	1,813,782	2,092,913
x Quebec	99,291	240,680	251,960
Shawinigan Falls	-	125	8,760
x Sherbrooke	32,200	46,300	44,900
x Three Rivers	8,035	7,665	28,025
x Westmount	32,875	11,700	73,550
Ontario	976,966	1,115,392	3,481,764
Belleville	Nil	5,970	9,600
x Brantford	991	13,020	6,912
Chatham	1,600	1,785	8,500
x Fort William	11,850	28,200	10,250
Galt	13,870	8,015	19,070
x Guelph	12,794	8,448	19,458
x Hamilton	71,800	186,700	253,500
x Kingston	29,672	7,625	28,810
x Kitchener	25,115	2,087	56,935
x London	26,650	34,845	236,950
Niagara Falls	900	1,824	6,487
Oshawa	500	1,100	20,505
x Ottawa	74,965	115,085	165,655
Owen Sound	1,475	6,100	5,000
x Peterborough	99,800	7,991	20,338
x Port Arthur	4,780	30,460	17,761
x Stratford	5,966	3,973	6,649
x St. Catharines	21,790	50,084	32,440
x St. Thomas	1,310	2,350	1,790
Sarnia	3,607	3,581	11,503
Sault Ste. Marie	28,631	13,337	201,345
x Toronto	381,316	394,054	1,842,807
York & East York Townships	118,600	115,275	460,777
Welland	9,040	2,540	12,990
x Windsor	13,300	65,750	11,235
East Windsor	500	Nil	2,100
Riverside	-	Nil	3,280
Sandwich	-	-	3,150
Walkerville	4,000	1,000	Nil
Woodstock	12,144	4,193	5,967
Manitoba	171,465	201,525	253,582
x Brandon	725	6,250	3,752
St. Boniface	10,240	3,275	21,680
x Winnipeg	160,500	192,000	228,150
Saskatchewan	36,530	87,686	177,780
x Moose Jaw	260	71,383	2,610
x Regina	19,045	6,508	64,095
x Saskatoon	17,225	9,795	111,075
Alberta	158,629	190,542	580,904
x Calgary	54,941	68,357	203,154
x Edmonton	76,080	112,335	342,810
Lethbridge	22,253	8,970	14,520
Medicine Hat	5,350	820	20,390
British Columbia	724,438	304,348	710,676
Kamloops	3,055	825	4,983
Nanaimo	3,776	3,250	1,175
x New Westminster	15,597	17,150	26,050
Prince Rupert	2,450	10,440	16,000
x Vancouver	633,820	232,810	571,530
North Vancouver	36,655	4,965	7,830
x Victoria	29,035	34,908	83,108
Total - 61 Cities	3,331,278	4,227,173	8,201,879
x Total - 35 Cities	3,051,447	4,023,323	7,291,967



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